

CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL
LEGISLATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

SHERATON UNIVERSAL HOTEL, UNIVERSAL CITY
OCTOBER 25, 2006

Chairperson William Callahan called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. Members present were: William Callahan, Leo Garcia, Cedric Porter, Max Turchen and David Rowan. Absent were: Marvin Kropke and Aram Hodess. There was a quorum.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 26, 2006

There was a motion to approve the minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. All Commissioners present voted in favor. The motion to approve the minutes was carried.

II. UPDATE ON PENDING BILLS

AB 2929 – Apprenticeship Oversight (Laird)

The governor vetoed this bill on September 30, 2006, because it focused too much on the auditing of new or expanded programs rather than existing programs and did not address the need standard.

AB 2448 – Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: Administration (Hancock)

This bill was signed into law on September 28, 2006, to be effective on January 1, 2007. Mr. Al Tweltridge updated the group on the details of the bill. Some of the bill's highlights: (a) reduces the total adult enrollment Regional Occupational Programs (ROPs) are allowed to have to 10%; (b) requires ROPs to offer sequences of courses; (c) gives the Department of Education oversight responsibility with respect to ROPs. Commissioner Garcia asked some clarifying questions about the limitations on adult students. He also asked if this bill affected apprenticeship programs in any way. Mr. Tweltridge said that it had no direct effect on apprenticeship.

AB 2907 – Electrician Apprenticeship (De La Torre)

This bill was signed into law on September 30, 2006. Chief Rowan informed the group that this bill added the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to the list of entities that can approve curricula for electrician certification. It also extended the certification process for several categories of electrician and

extended the authorization for the CAC to establish minimum industry training criteria.

AB 918 – California State University: Recognition of Career Technical Education (CTE)

This bill never made it to the Governor's desk. It would have required California State University to recognize CTE classes in evaluating applications for admission. However, a similar bill -- SB 1543 (Alarcon) -- was signed into law by the Governor.

III. OTHER BILLS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO CAC

PROPOSITION 1D – BOND FOR BUILDING AND MODERNIZING SCHOOLS

The bond would provide \$500 million in funding for Career Technology Education (CTE) facilities and equipment.

TRANSPORTATION BOND

If this initiative passes, the secondary system will be under a lot of pressure to train students to ensure that there are enough skilled workers to work on roads and bridges.

Chief Rowan encouraged the committee members to be actively involved in monitoring bills that may be revived or introduced next year. Commissioner Callahan opined that the "Yvonne de la Pena bill", which would ensure that surplus RSI funds are distributed to apprenticeship programs rather than deposited in the General Fund, is worth reviving.

Commissioner Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Turchen seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. The motion to adjourn was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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